2: Boissevain E-5 (1960-1961) 1965
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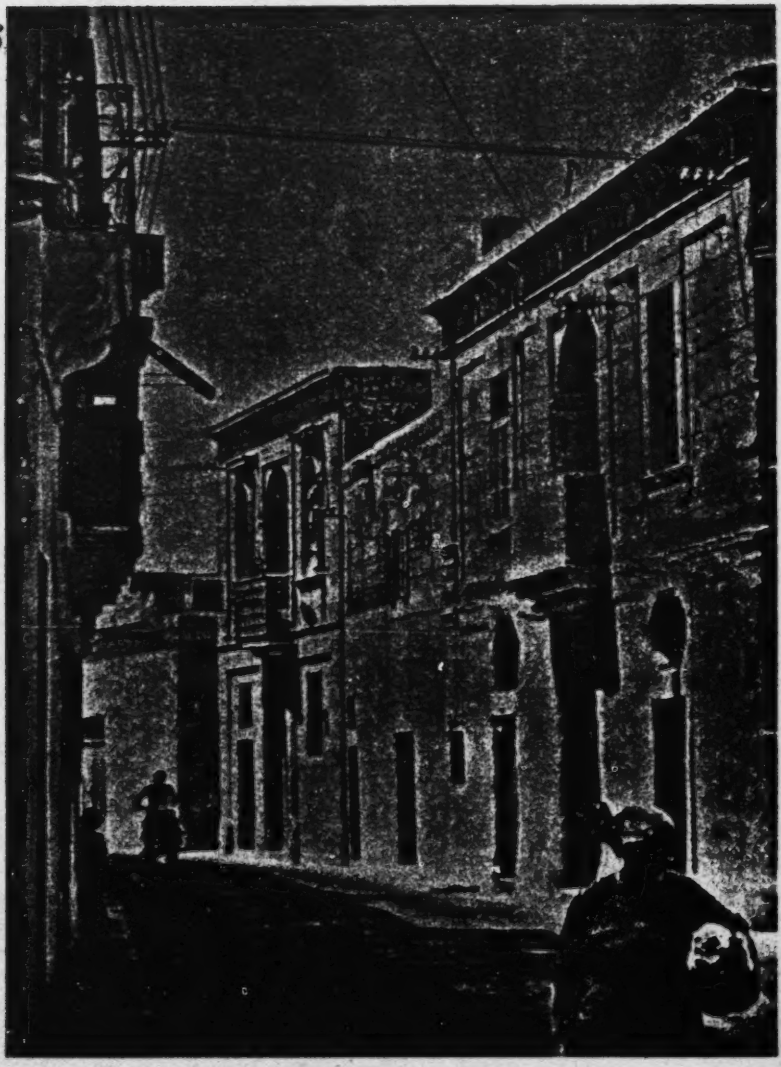

2. A village street

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MAP 8
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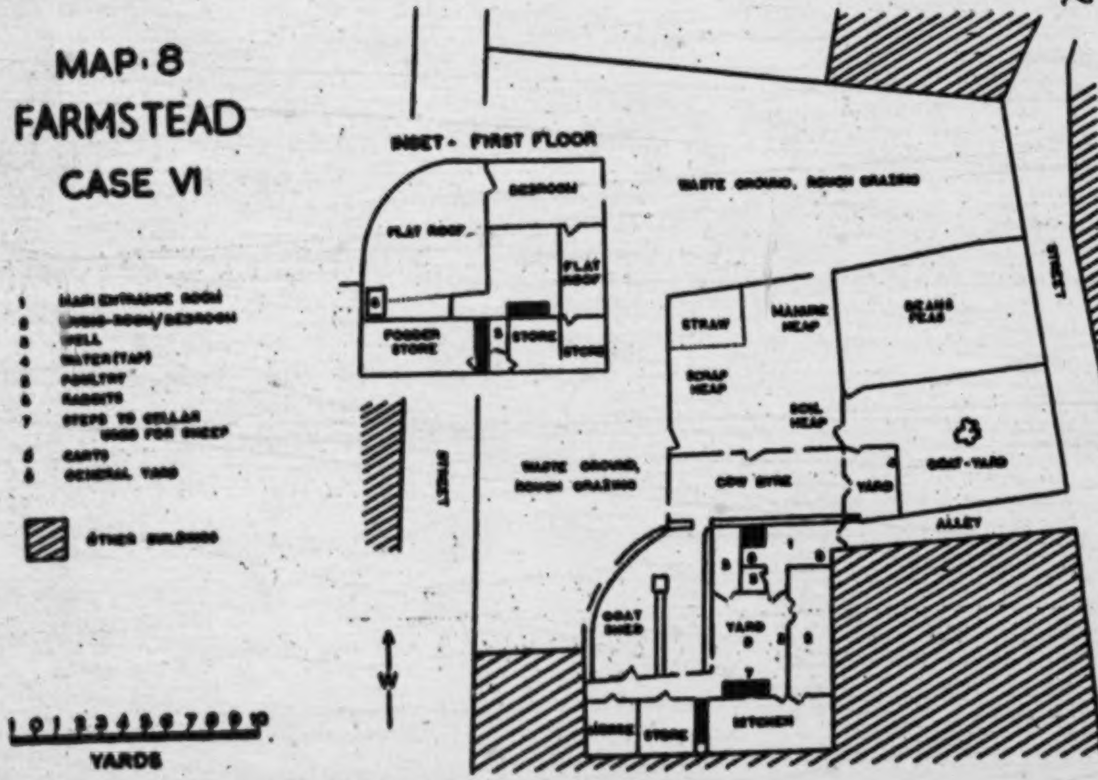

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9: Luke G-5 (ca. 1920-ca. 1960) 1960
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SACRED INFIRMARY: PART OF LONG WARD AFTER REMOVAL OF PARTITION WALL

[See pp. 66 and 141.]

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AUBERGE OF ENGLAND AND HOUSE OF SIR OLIVER STARKEY, VITTORIOSA (BIRGU)

[See pp. 69 and 140.]

[facing P. 96]

9: Luke G-5 (ca. 1920-ca. 1960) 1960
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QUEEN SQUARE AND THE ROYAL LIBRARY, VALETTA
[See pp. 199–200.]

A PROCESSION EMERGING FROM S. JOHN'S

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STREET IN SIĠĠIEWI
Note the "fat" mouldings.
[See p 67.]

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9: Luke G-5 (ca. 1920-ca. 1960) 1960
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361 There is nothing in the rest of the Old World quite like
363 the casals of Malta. Mostly built in the seventeenth and
342 eighteenth centuries, the older parts of them consist of narrow winding streets except for the square facing the parish church. The houses, of uniform height, present a front of uninterrupted masonry, the façades broken only by the boxed balconies typical of Malta. Here and there the sculptured porticoes and elaborately decorated windows and cornices of a nobleman's mansion interrupt the simplicity of the other houses, but the streets preserve that enchanting homogeneity of period which on a larger scale distinguishes Valetta from other cities of its size. They are vernacular architecture in the fullest sense of the term. The stonework bears the lovely patina of age; any patches of garden are out of sight. In the more densely inhabited parts of the island the growth of population may bring about a confluence of two or even three casals, as in the case of Attard, Lija and Balzan.

To wander about these great stone villages by full moon or on a night lit by the illuminations and fireworks of the annual *festa* is to experience a translation in time more realistic than any suggested by stage or screen.

643 Samuel Taylor Coleridge records that it was Sir Alexander Ball's "custom to visit each casal throughout the island once, if not twice, in the course of each summer: and during my residence there I had the honour of being his constant, and most often his only, companion in these rides; to which I owe some of the happiest and most instructive hours of my life." A mid-twentieth century Governor, Sir Charles Bonham-Carter, followed with success this practice of regular weekly visits to the casals.

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794 The Maltese are among the most devoted sons and daughters of the Roman Catholic Church. They are, men and women alike, assiduous at their public devotions; there